

CLAIMS:

1. An interleaving method for performing parallel access in a linear and interleaved order to a predetermined number of stored data samples, said method comprising the steps of:

a) storing data samples in a memory array comprising a plurality of memory devices;

b) using a first portion of an address of said memory array to address said memory devices;

c) using a second portion of said address to select at least one memory device to be accessed; and

d) changing a position of said first portion and said second portion within said address, when an access order is changed between a linear order and an interleaved order.

2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of performing a parallel access in a multiplexed manner using said second portion of said address portion as a multiplexing index.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said second portion of said address corresponds to a predetermined number of most significant bits of said address during a linear access order, and corresponds to a predetermined number of least significant bits of said address during an interleaved access order.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein said first portion of said address corresponds to a remaining number of bits within said address.

5. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of subjecting said first portion of said address to an interleaving processing during an interleaved access order.

6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said first portion of said address comprises ten address bits and said second portion of said address comprises two address bits.

7. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of generating said first portion of said address by an address counting function.

8. An interleaving apparatus for providing parallel access in a linear and interleaved order to a predetermined number of stored data samples, said interleaving apparatus comprising:

a) a memory array with a plurality of memory devices for storing data samples;

b) addressing means for addressing said memory devices by applying a first portion of an address to said memory devices and by using a second portion of said address to select at least one memory device to be accessed; and

c) change means for changing a position of said first portion and said second portion within said address in response to a change between a linear order and interleaved order.

9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said memory devices are single-port RAM devices.

10. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said interleaving apparatus is integrated on a single chip device.

11. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said addressing means comprises an address counter for generating said first address.

12. An apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising interleaving means for converting an output address of said address counter

according to a predetermined interleaving scheme to generate said first portion of said address during an interleaved access order.

13. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said interleaving means comprises at least one of an address translation table and an address logic.

14. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said change means comprises a control switch for receiving said address and for switching said first portion and second portion within said address to respective output parts in response to an access order selection signal.

15. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said interleaving apparatus comprises a turbo interleaver for use in a turbo decoder.

16. An interleaving apparatus for providing parallel access in a linear and interleaved order to a predetermined number of stored data samples, said interleaving apparatus comprising:

a) a memory array with a plurality of memory devices for storing data samples;

b) an addresser configured to address said memory devices by applying a first portion of an address to said memory device and by using a second portion of said address to select at least one memory device to be accessed; and

c) a changer configured to change a position of said first portion and said second portion within said address in response to a change between a linear order and an interleaved order.